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FIFTY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

The Times-Virginian salutes veteran Clerk of the Court, Claude W. Smith on the occasion of his completed fifty years of faithful service to the people of Appomattox County. Really, we should congratulate the county, too, for being so fortunate as to have the advantage of his long career at the county court house.

We are prone to "take for granted" the statement that Appomattox has one of the most efficiently-run clerk's offices in the Old Dominion. But such things do not just happen. Ability and faithful use of ability is involved.

The duties of the county clerk bring him into contact with most of the citizens of a county. From the recording of documents to issuing of licenses, from his role in preparing county policy and service to various county boards and commissions, he is in close touch with nearly every public activity. In the case of Mr. Smith, his service has been and still is outstanding.

And it is not only as a public official that Mr. Smith has served his fellow citizens. A leading churchman and a solid participant in many civic affairs, he is without doubt one of the most able local citizens of our county. It is well and proper, therefore, to pause and say: Thank you, and best wishes for many more years!

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CAUSE OF THE RECESSION

Volumes are being written about the current recession in the United States. Predictions are being made by practically every economist as to the length and depth of the recession. On one thing all agree: there is a recession, and it is a sharper one than the administration predicted.

In fact, President Eisenhower admitted only a few days ago that the recession was more severe than the administration had anticipated. There is general agreement that the administration, in its efforts to curb inflation, might have slowed down business growth. However, most of the economists who believe this also believe that the measures taken by the administration were necessary to curb inflation.

If this thesis is true, the question arises, "what is the underlying cause for the present recession?"

The basic cause, in our opinion, is that the prosperity we have been enjoying in the past few years (and bank deposits and total profits show that we have been enjoying prosperity) has been confined to too few people. This also happened in the latter 1920's, under some policies of the government which have been paralleled, to a degree, in recent years under the Eisenhower Administration.

Take the farm program, for example. The soil bank program allowed the farmer, and especially the big farmer, to deposit money in the bank, but this money did not circulate among the fertilizer dealer, the laborer, the farm implement dealer, the seed dealer, and these dealers, in their turn, did not spend money — in other words, the money did not circulate.

Bankers will admit today that their deposits are high, but total deposits are in the hands of fewer people. Likewise, many big corporations have made fabulous profits in recent years, but many small businesses, and farmers, and white collar workers caught in the cost spiral, have experienced tight times. Once again, the money does not circulate. This is a cause for recession, because it is the average person, the farmer, the white-collar worker, and the ordinary citizen who buys the cars, the appliances, the run of retail commodities, who keeps the wheels of the economy going.

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THE MARGIN IN THE SENATE

The death of Senator Matthew Neely, West Virginia Democrat, narrows the margin of the majority in the U. S. Senate to a minimum. The count in that body is now 49-47.

This makes the issue so close that one more change, even a prolonged absence by two Democratic members, might enable the Republicans to take over control. Vice President Richard Nixon, as presiding officer of the upper legislative body, would cast the tie-breaking vote if the count ever reached 47-47.

The governor of West Virginia, Cecil Underwood, is expected to name a Republican to the vacancy created by the 83-year-old Democrat's death. This would change the former 50-46 ratio of Democrats to Republicans to the 49-47 figure mentioned above.

Of course, the Democrats do not have long to go to benefit from the off-year elections, in which they are favored to improve their position in the Senate. Since this session of Congress will probably end in August, if Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex) can hold his numbers for seven months, the Democrats will probably remain in power until 1961, in the Senate.

As far as the political picture is concerned, the death of a liberal such as Neely removes one of the more active Truman-Stevenson Democrats from the upper body and makes the conservative Democratic strength in the party proportionally stronger.

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Not many workers overlook the approach of a holiday.

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A tax expert is a man who can outfigure the government.

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Recipe to bring on communism: Let the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

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Nearly everybody is for the comomn good until they come to the pocketbook test.

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Human beings, for some reason, seem more interested in the mistakes that others make.

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What has become of the manwho used to find employment because he wrote neatly and legibly?

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You can talk all you please about the causes of crime, but, at the bottom, it is due to the public's taking it for granted.

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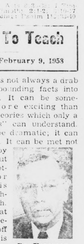
It is surprising how dumb people think you are when they sit down to talk you out of what little money you earned the hard way.

Daring To Teach

Lesson for February 9, 1958

TEACHING is not always a drab matter of pounding facts into people's heads. It can be something much more exciting than learning fine theories which only a few "egghead" can understand. Teaching can be dramatic; it can be quite daring. It can be met not only with sleepy indifference but with stones, rotten eggs or worse. This is one of the teachings of the church. Admitted, what the church sometimes passes off as "teaching" is dull stuff. There are churches where what is taught seems to make no difference whatever to the people who hear it. There are churches where the teacher or teacher seems to have joined the politician in singing the praises of home, peace and modern living.



Dr. Foreman

How It Was With Jesus

Nothing can get people into public Jesus himself went to the cross because of his teachings. The people that nearly lynched him on more than one occasion were stirred by his teaching. Whether people were angered or not, they were always impressed. — astonished, Matthew says. Yet he dared teach, and did not quiet down over "controversial" issues. He expected his followers to be equally daring, but he did not tell them to expect every one who heard them to believe them. If the church in any way follows Christ, it must be a teaching church, and must not shrink from teaching the unpopular, the unpleasant, when it is true. The first word spoken to Jesus after the resurrection, so far as our record goes, was the word Rabboni' which means Teacher! One of the last commands he gave his disciples was to go and in their turn make disciples of all nations —that is, make pupils, for "disciple" means "learner," "student."

Teaching Through Centuries

All down the centuries we find the church teaching. Philip teaches a lone rider the meaning of a passage from the Bible; Paul highlights two special matters for Timothy's special concentration: himself—his personal life—and his teaching. Timothy is to entrust the truth to men who will be able to teach still others. When Paul is urging Timothy to follow his Paul's example, the first item he mentions in his teaching. When Paul holds up the importance of the Scriptures, the first point he mentions is the usefulness of the Bible in teaching. There was plenty of preaching in Paul's life, but he was not one to let teaching fall out of sight.

So it was in the long history of the church. It is true, there were places and times when the teaching duties of the church were forgotten. But as the Roman Empire crumbled and darkness fell across Europe, it was the Christian church which undertook the vast work of teaching the raw and untamed barbarian peoples of the continent. Every monastery was a center that kept the lamp of learning alight. One Bishop of the 8th and 9th centuries—Theodulph of Orleans, was not only the leading poet of his time, but as Bishop he insisted that every one of his priests establish a school and make education open to all. Guibert of Nogent, an Abbot who lived at the time of the Crusades, wrote a little book he called "How to Make a Sermon" but it is plain he had no use for pulpit orators; he wanted sermons from which ridiculous fictions could warn Christian men.

The Challenge Is Yours

In our time, with the printing press, radio, TV, prosperity, and photography, the church reaches in many more ways, and more effectively, than could be done in any Christian century before now. In Sunday schools, day schools, colleges, conferences, study groups; in newspapers, quarterlies, tracts, magazines, books, film strips, catechisms, plays; in announcements of church courts, in textbooks, in popular books, in the findings of great interchurch study conferences such as the one at Oberlin last September; in these as by the week-to-week preaching of the Word all around the world, the church is teaching her members, often what many members do not welcome (as when a southern church speaks out against segregation), what the Word of God means when spoken in today's world.

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Washington Notes

New Device Induces Sleep

London, England.- Moscow radio has announced a Soviet scientist has invented a machine which puts you to sleep by shooting electrical impulses into the body.

The broadcast indicated the idea wasn't to provide a handy home device that will take the place of sleeping pills. It said the machine—known as "the universal stimulator" — will enable medical men to study the complex nervous processes that go on in men and animals and can be used to diagnose and treat nervous ailments.

THE NEW TORPEDOES

The Navy has now disclosed that it is working on a deadlier repacement for one of two torpedoes only recently described as the "newest and latest" among its anti-submarine weapons.

Confronted by reports of growing Russian undersea might, the Navy has been pushing development of a new family of anti-submarine devices featuring better guidance, speed and range.

Infra-Red Grain Tester

Until just recently an insect has been able to eat up inside a grain of wheat with a sense of security and some assurance of privacy. But a newly-outdated invention should change all that.

What the bug doesn't know is that it gives off infra-red radiation. This betrays its presence to a detection instrument devised by a Department of Agriculture scientist, Norman M. Dennis. Inventor Dennis is currently working on refinements that he thinks should be made before the instrument goes into production.

TOURWAY TOO TOUCHY

The Administration is against building a Lewis and Clark memorial 'tourway' into the new multi-million-dollar interstate highway system along the trail taken by two two explorers from St. Louis to Oregon in 1804 and 1805.

The reasoning is that it would be political dynamite because the exact Lewis and Cark route is a subject of great controversy among the towns along the way.

Straus May Quit in June

Though he is not committing himself, the expectation is that Lewis Straus will resign as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission at the end of his term in June. Mr. Straus wants to take it easy for awhile.

Armed Services Decrease

The Secretary of the Navy, Thomas S. Gates Jr., and William H. Francis, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, have turned down a plea by a House Armed Services subcommittee to hold up discharges for sixty days. They said it would throw the manpower cutback process into turmoil and would be unfair to those already sent back to civilian life. Mr. Francis said the reductions were being made as an economy move since deadlier new weapons allow decreased uniform strength.

Big Aid in Missile War

The Navy is pressing ahead with development and construction of a large atomic-powered destroyer that would be able to go at full speed several times around the world without refueling.

The revolutionary ship - the first of many atomic-powered destroyers is scheduled to join the fleet early in 1962.

Democrats and Budget

Economic advisors of the Democratic party believe that the present recession can be reversed by increasing bank-lending funds and by spending more on domestic programs than the Eisenhower Administration recommends.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

It is possible to go wrong in many ways, but right in only one.

—Aristotle.

Extremity of right is wrong.

—John Clarke.

We are not satisfied to be right unless we can prove others to be quite wrong. —William Hazlitt.

There is always a right and wrong way, and the wrong way always seems the more reasonable.

—George Moore.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Does the air around the earth (the weather) have anything to do with the twinkling of the stars? Do planets ever twinkle?

The layer of gas around the earth, which is our weather, is responsible for the so-called twinkling of the stars. Refraction and disturbances in the atmosphere distort the twin beam of light from the stars enough to cause the

Planets seldom twinkle they are near and the light them is strong. However, planet is seen near the hor weather does cause a twin light from the planet mu through the thick air of o er for some distance and th the twinkling effect — ev planet like Mercury.

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ichwood

ichwood, Feb. 4.- "The rod and rod give wisdom, but a child us himself bringeth his mother shame. —Proverb.

r. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and dren visited Sunday with Mr. Mrs. Willie Garrett.

. P. Brannan and daughter, rgie Belle were in Lynchburg business Monday morning.

r. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and dren, Judy and Jane, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and T. T. Woolridge, and also visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh, who has been on the sick list.

r. Tom Marsh and Mr. Tramof Gladys were visiting in ome of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Monday.

rs. H. H. Harvey and Mrs. T. oolridge and Mrs. G. P. Brandited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh nday afternoon.

ocust Grove

ocust Grove, Feb. 4.- Mrs. Flor- Mustain, of Richmond, spent day with her mother, Mrs. , who is still on the sick list. on, Julian Grow, of Washing- D. C., came to see her last k, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Megginson. Jim Megginson, of folk, and Mrs. Lula Beale also ted her on Monday night.

riends are sorry to hear that Reuben Bryant and Mr. Wal- Bryant are on the sick list. wish for them a speedy recov-

hose who recently visited in the e of Willie Beale were Mr. and Clarence Beale, James Beale, and Mrs. Tom Marks, of Lynch- g; Mr. Jim Megginson and son, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Car- Mrs. Lula Mead, of Hurding- Mrs. Fannie Coleman, of Rich- d.

rs. Lula Beale spent Thursday last week with Mr. and Mrs. Al- Hamilton. They have been on ick list, but are better.

rs. Aubrey Moore and daugh- and son visited Mrs. Walker e last Saturday night.

iberty Chapel

iberty Chapel, Feb. 4.- Mr. and Preston Coleman visited in home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. rtin last Sunday.

hose visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul rnhill Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. ry Stanley, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. y Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Sam rnhill and Mr. and Mrs. Don rnhill and son.

r. and Mrs. Charles Carter are proud parents of a baby boy, rles Jr., born Thursday, Jan. 30 Virginia Baptist Hospital.

r. and Mrs. Kern Mays visited father, W. W. Thornhill Mon- He is improving after a re- illness.

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Tobacco Plant Production Has Lot to Do With Profits

The steps you take in producing good healthy plants in time for early transplanting have a lot to do with your tobacco profits, says G. R. Matthews, associate agonomist at VPI.

Here are his timely suggestions for tobacco growers:

Select a plant bed site that has a southern or southeastern exposure and a loamy soil, is near a source of clean water, and is protected by a windbreak.

Seventy-five square yards of plant bed is enough if good production practices are followed.

Deep plowing is not recommended as too much topsoil would be turned under too deep. Prepare the soil to a depth of 4 to 5 inches by tripping, disking, and harrowing.

Use a fertilizer formulated for tobacco plant beds. Two grades are available, 4-9-3 and 6-12-4. Apply 1½ to 2 pounds of 4-9-3, and 1-3 less of the 6-12-4. Apply in two directions and work into the soil.

Use one level measuring tablespoon of seed for each 100 square yards of bed. Higher rates of seeding will often produce plants that are tall and slender. The lower rate will produce stocky plants with better root systems. Sow seed in two directions.

Check beds frequently at germination time. If beds are dry, water to prevent dying of young seedlings. Water at other times to keep plants growing uniformly.

Control plant bed diseases and insects. Follow recommendations in Circular 437 "Managing Your Tobacco Plant Bed," available free from county agents or from the V. P. I. Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg, Va.

Conservation Short Courses Set for Summer in Virginia

Public school teachers, and others interested, will again this year have an opportunity to attend short courses in natural resource conservation.

Sponsored by the Virginia Resource Use Education Council, in cooperation with participating colleges, the short courses will be held June 15 - July 2 at VPI, June 30-July 18 at Virginia State College, and July 28 - August 15 at William and Mary.

A limited number of scholarships to cover registration, tuition, meals, lodging and laundry will be available to public school teachers. Applications for scholarships must be received by May 1.

Subjects to be taught include geology, soils, forest conservation, and wildlife. Three semester hours credit will be given for satisfactory completion of the short course.

Further details on the short courses, and application blanks for the scholarships are available from E. W. Mundie, Extension Service Conservationist, VPI, Blacksburg.

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